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## TALESMEN PREJUDICED

Would Not Accept Orchard's  
Testimony.

## CLASH OF COUNSEL

Roosevelt's Name the Subject of  
a Spirited Tilt Between the  
Opposing Attorneys.

## JURY TEMPORARILY FILLED

State Exercised the First Peremptory  
Challenge and Excused Talesman  
Van Orsdale—Trial Postponed Until  
This Afternoon.

DOISE, May 15.—The unexpected uncovering of a vein of prejudice against Harry Orchard and his testimony today led to the first sharp wrangle between the counsel and involved the name of President Roosevelt in an acrimonious discussion. The day and incident began with Samuel Wingate, the eleventh talesman in the hands of the defense for the examination in chief. The questioning developed that Wingate was biased against Orchard and was unwilling to accept the testimony which it is expected he will give against Haywood. The defense naturally tried to show that his state of mind was not such as would warrant his removal from the box, but when the talesman repassed to the hands of the state, Senator Borah quickly drew from him a flat-footed statement that he could not under any circumstances give credence to Orchard's testimony and Wingate was excused, the defense noted an exception to the court's ruling. Thence forward the state was particular to test all of the talesmen on the point. Talesman Burns who followed Wingate, declared he would not give the same credence to Orchard as to the other witnesses, but his attitude was not deemed sufficient to warrant his removal. The question recurred at the afternoon session when Senator Borah put the question to Talesman McGuffin who succeeded Talesman Henry in seat six after the latter had been evicted for implied bias on the testimony of R. Z. Lovelace, who swore that Henry had told him that Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone would not have been brought here "if they had not been mixed up with the case."

Clarence Darrow, of the defense's counsel, objected to the question and Borah sharply replied that after the immense latitude of the defense as taken in regard to McPartland, Taft and Roosevelt, he did not think they should stick on any technicalities at this late day.

"We didn't ask as to the effect of McPartland's testimony," said Darrow and Richardson together. "If Roosevelt is to be brought here to testify we might have something to say," retorted Borah.

Judge Wood directed the counsel to proceed with the case, but Darrow who was standing took a formal exception to Borah's remarks.

"I will be glad to eliminate Roosevelt, if you will," replied Borah.

"He was brought into this case by the defense,"

"He came in himself," said Richardson. "He is 2000 miles away and writes letters."

"He was brought in by his own butting-in," added Darrow.

The Judge overruled the objection to the question, the talesman saying he did not have any bias in the matter. The defense noted an exception and the incident closed.

The jury box was filled with 12 talesmen and examination and temporary recessed at 3:40 o'clock in the afternoon and the court announced recess. It was in order for both sides to exercise their peremptory challenge. After a delay of a few minutes in which Haywood and his counsel conferred, the state exercised its first right and excused talesman Van Orsdale. George F. Maw, a young former with some strong opinions was then called. The state passed him and he was still in the hands of the defense when the adjournment hour was reached. The trial will not be resumed until tomorrow afternoon because of the funeral of Judge Nugent, father of J. F. Nugent, one of the counsel for the defendant.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

Canadian Pacific To Install System on  
Its Skagway Steamers.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 15.—The Canadian Pacific Railroad has ordered the installation of wireless telegraph apparatus on its Skagway steamers Princess May and Princess Royal, the latter a new vessel soon to be placed in commission, and announces that all the steamers of the company will soon have the wireless apparatus installed. An Ottawa dispatch says the Dominion government has been advised by Sir Wilfred Laurier that the proposals for a faster service between Great Britain and Australia with the Orient via Canada, has been accepted.

## KUROKI BANQUET

General Given a Dinner at  
Sherry's Countrymen.

## WILL VISIT WEST POINT

Great Japanese General To Make a  
Short Stay in New York City—A  
Thousand Invitations Issued To Re-  
ception Following the Banquet.

NEW YORK, May 15.—General Kuroki's local compatriots have everything in readiness for the Japanese General's reception in New York today and for his entertainment during his five or six weeks stay.

General Kuroki is due to arrive here this morning from Jamestown on a special train accompanied by his staff and an officer of the high rank in the United States Army, acting as an escort.

The two Japanese cruisers Tsakuba and Chitose, are expected to arrive from Hampton Roads about noon.

The feature of the day's programme will be the dinner and reception given in honor of General Kuroki at Sherry's tonight, by twenty-three of his countrymen. The dinner will be restricted to the guests of honor, Vice Admiral Ijima, thirty of the officers from the warships and General Kuroki's staff, numbering about ten. More than 1000 invitations have been sent out, however, to the reception which is to be followed the dinner. General Kuroki will visit West Point.

## PASSENGER ROBBED.

NEW YORK, May 15.—That a conductor of the Grand street cross-town streetcar line turned out the lights of the car, knocked him down and robbed him of \$980 while he was a passenger upon the car, was the complaint made to the police today by Antonio Kresnic, a hospital nurse. The police are investigating.

## YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES.

### Coast League.

At Portland—Portland 3, San Francisco 4.

At San Francisco—Los Angeles 3, Oakland 9.

### Northwest League.

At Aberdeen—Aberdeen 1, Butte 0.  
At Seattle—Seattle 4, Tacoma 1.

## RUEF ADMITS HIS GUILT

Changes Plea to That of  
Guilty.

## SENTENCE IN TWO WEEKS

Ruef Says His Family Could Not  
Stand Strain of Trial Hence  
The Change.

## PROSECUTION ASTONISHED

Prisoner Made Change Against Advice  
of Counsel Who Withdrew From  
Case—Pathetic Scene in Courtroom  
As He Read His Plea.

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 15.—Abe Ruef, the acknowledged advisor of Mayor Schmitz, and once recognized as dictator of municipal affairs in this city, pleaded guilty to the charge of extortion in Judge Dunne's court today. Sentence will be pronounced upon him two weeks hence.

After a private conversation with his four attorneys in Judge Dunne's private chambers this afternoon and after they had withdrawn from his case because of the resolution he had taken to change his plea, Ruef, to the utter astonishment of the prosecution arose in court and announced in a dramatic address that after long and earnest consideration he had determined to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty. He asked that the jury be dismissed and the trial abandoned. Ruef read his statement from a manuscript which he had prepared in the presence of his attorneys a few minutes before Judge Dunne's chambers were opened. He showed in his voice, in the expression of his face, in his quiet gestureless attitude and by tears that again and again overflowed his eyes, the great emotion and utter humiliation he suffered.

The pathos of the scene was communicated to the crowd that thronged the courtroom. Tears sprang to the eyes of veteran newspapermen who have been Ruef's life-long acquaintances and whose papers have conducted against him and his political associates, a long bitter campaign for the purification of municipal affairs. The accused man was several times all but overcome with emotion. When he reached the final words of his address, "I desire to withdraw my plea of not guilty and enter a contrary plea," his voice was sunk to whisper. But so intense was stillness that it reached to the far corners of the courtroom. Though Abe Ruef has formally declared himself guilty of the charge on which he was about to be tried, he nevertheless proclaimed his innocence. He confessed he was guilty of having connived in the corruption in municipal affairs, but he affirmed with all the emphasis at his command, that he is guiltless of the crime of extortion charged against him. He declares his sole motive in accusing himself in open court, was to save the lives of those nearest and dearest to him, his aged father and mother, his maiden sister and niece. In a long frank statement to the Associated Press, Ruef declared that had they been compelled to endure the strain incident to a trial, that might have lasted two months, it would have cost their lives.

"I don't know what my sentence will be, for myself I do not greatly care. I say to you now, and you can judge if I boast, that no man possesses physical nerve, more than I do. I could face a crowd of 5000 men, of 10,000, every one with a rope in his

hand and calling for my life. I could face them calmly and meet my end without flinching, but suffering of those I love can endure no longer."

## QUEER BUNKMATE.

New York Club Man Sails For Europe  
With Self-Confessed Thief.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Sydney Smith, well known in New York society and a member of many clubs, sailed today for Europe on the Kaiser Wilhelm II and has as his guest, George Collins, alias Bevington, a deserter from the British army and self-confessed thief. Mr. Smith pays all expenses and made little or no attempt to conceal his somewhat odd situation.

Collins, or Bevington, is the valet for Morrison Warren, and in March last took from Mr. Smith's apartments in the Hotel Ritz, Paris, money and jewelry to the amount of \$25,000. After his arrest here he confessed and declared that \$10,000 worth of the property is in a metal box that is hidden under a bed in a room of a house in Paris. Mr. Smith is taking him over there to give him a chance to prove the truth of his assertions.

It would not do the valet any good to tell an untruth, because the French authorities will be waiting him at Havre anyhow. Bevington himself offered to go to France without awaiting extradition papers, and is in the custody of the man he robbed.

## BARROOM BRAWL

Quarrel Over Barroom Etiquette  
Results Fatally.

## INSISTED ON SHAKING HANDS

With Man He Was Not Acquainted  
With—The Latter Knocked Him  
Down and Fractured Skull—Dies  
Before Physician Could Be Called.

PORTLAND, May 15.—A quarrel over barroom etiquette today resulted in the death of Henry Robinson and the arrest of Hans Holt on the charge of murder. The trouble occurred in a saloon at Second and Burnside streets. Robinson insisted on shaking hands with Holt, with whom he was not acquainted. This angered Holt who struck Robinson with his left hand. Robinson fell heavily to the floor and sustained a fracture of the skull. He died before a physician could reach the resort.

## VANDERBILT CUP RACE.

Event Likely to be Called Off this Year  
Track Not Completed.

NEW YORK, May 15.—It looks as if there will be no automobile race for the Vanderbilt cup this year. At a meeting of the directors of the Long Island Parkway, held yesterday, W. K. Vanderbilt announced that after a conference with its engineers it had been found impossible to complete the parkway in time for the race this fall. There will be a meeting of the Vanderbilt Cup Commission and the American Automobile Racing Board today will take final action on the matter of the race this fall.

Those who are in position to know say that neither Mr. Vanderbilt nor the cup commission is in favor of holding a race over the public highways of Nassau or Suffolk Counties, unless some way can be found to get the militia to give the course, or the local authorities will assume responsibility of policing the roads and guarantee the Association against any suit for damages.

## NEW INSPECTOR OF HULLS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Captain John Ansell, formerly chief officer of the U. S. S. Sheridan, has been appointed to the position of United States Assistant Inspector of Hulls, at Seattle.

## FEDERATION OF REPUBLICS

Will be Outcome of Guate-  
malan Trouble.

## A REVOLUTION FIRST

Plot to Overthrow Cabrera and  
Merge the Central Ameri-  
can Republics.

## REVOLUTIONISTS ARMING

The Move When Made Will Please  
the United States and Mexico—  
Cabrera Realizes Position—Guate-  
malan Women Being Maltreated.

MEXICO CITY, May 15.—As forecasted in these dispatches May 8, there is today further reason to believe that the present difficulties with Guatemala may lead to the greatest event in the annals of South American history, namely, the federation of all the Republics of Central America. There is also reason to believe that such an outcome would not be unacceptable to either Mexico or the United States.

The first step to this end will be a revolution against President Cabrera of Guatemala, headed by General Toledo and backed actively by President Zelaya of Nicaragua, and the chief executives of Honduras and Salvador. It is expected that Cabrera will be driven from the presidency of Guatemala within the next 90 days. General Toledo will probably be the new president of the Republic, but will only act long enough to have the country agree formally to enter the federation. Honduras and Salvador will thereupon follow suit. Zelaya is to be president of the federation of the four republics upon giving pledge to Mexico and the United States that he will call a general election after the scheme is perfected. The President of Honduras, Guatemala, and Salvador will act as local governors during the interim.

The republics of Costa Rica and Panama will be invited to join the federation and it is believed that expediency will result in their accepting the invitation. Preparations for the revolution against President Cabrera are being pushed with activity. The revolutionists are being equipped with machine guns and modern artillery. President Cabrera, foreseeing his danger, has endeavored to make concessions to the Mexican government. He has offered to surrender Colonel Bone a witness in the Barillas assassination case and to try General Lima, who is implicated in the recent murder of Former President Barillas, of Guatemala. Mexico received these propositions coldly and replied that the case was now closed so far as the government will be concerned. The Mexican minister to Guatemala has been transferred to Salvador.

President Cabrera, realizing his desperate position, is indulging in cruelties at home. Even the higher class of Guatemalan women are being imprisoned, subjected to indignities and forced to perform menial labor for the soldiers. It is said that anarchy is too mild a term to convey a correct conception of the conditions in Guatemala.

Official correspondence characterizes the state of affairs in Guatemala as similar to that which prevailed during the Inquisition.

It is asserted that President Cabrera, hopes, through fear, to hold the troops and the people loyal to himself.

## BRUTAL FATHER.

Traveling Revivalist Beat Son Almost  
Into a Pulp For Playing Ball.

CHICAGO, May 15.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Athens, Ga., says: Because he whipped his 12 year old son for playing baseball on Sunday, J. H. Arnold, a traveling revivalist, was yesterday sentenced to six months on the rock pile, by Mayor Dorney. Physicians testify that the boy was lashed until his flesh was a pulp and that he might not recover. Arnold said he believed it was a deadly sin to play baseball on Sunday and that he had ordered his son not to play, but the latter disobeyed him and was even the captain of the team.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Tri-State Council in Session At  
Ogden.

OGDEN, May 15.—Nearly 100 delegates and visitors are in the city attending the sessions of the Knights of Columbus state councils for Utah, Idaho and Nevada, which is being held here. The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by State Deputy Judge W. L. McGinnis of Ogden, and a short business session was held. In the afternoon the visiting knights were the guests of the local order to a trip through Ogden canyon and a banquet last evening. The election of officers takes place today.

## DEMOCRATIC HOPE

Greatly Pleased Over Republican  
Row in Ohio.

## HOPE TO ELECT SENATOR

Claim Excellent Chance For a Demo-  
crat to Succeed Foraker at Next  
Election—Claim An Equal Chance  
With Republicans in Many Districts

CLEVELAND, May 15.—The rescinding of the call for the Republican love feast at Columbus and the consequent failure of the Taft and Foraker factions to get together has greatly encouraged the Democratic leaders in Ohio. They are of the opinion that they have an excellent chance of electing Senator Foraker's successor and cite the existing make-up of the legislature as proof.

The present Ohio house consists of 57 Republicans, 52 Democrats and 3 Independents. The Senate has 18 Republicans and 18 Democrats. This gives the Republicans 80 votes against 78 for the Democrats and Independents. The next Senator will be chosen after the next election and there are so many districts in which the vote is close that the Democrats have at least as fair a prospect of overcoming the present Republican lead as the Republicans have of increasing it.

## SMALLPOX IN IOWA.

Armed Guards Patrol Roads To Pro-  
tect Towns.

SIDNEY, Ia., May 15.—Smallpox has broken out in numerous places in Southwestern Iowa, and quarantines are being established at different towns. At Riverton none are permitted to enter or leave the town. Armed guards are in charge of every road leading into the place, and a number of traveling men are cooped up in the hotel. Sidney is patrolled by guards, and none from the newly infected towns are permitted to enter.

## STANFORD ANNIVERSARY.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., May 15.—Yesterday was the 39th anniversary of the birth of Leland Stanford Jr. Final examinations were suspended on that date and a holiday was observed. Fitting ceremonies were held in the afternoon. Tuesday was also the 39th anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the university.